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In re Patent Application of:
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For: PLANT CULTIVATING BASE BODY
AND METHOD OF MAUFACTURING
THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH RCE

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 10, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.